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Remarks:

Claims 1 and 3-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 11 have been amended in various particulars as indicated hereinabove. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

The Office Action indicated that claims 2, 6, and 11-13 contained allowable subject matter. Claim 1 now includes the subject matter of cancelled claim 2; claims 6 and 11 are now in an independent form.

The rejection concerning claims 2 and 3 for indefiniteness has been addressed. All other rejections are now moot in view of the foregoing amendments.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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